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News of the Sections

Four States Section: Secretary Becker reported that at their Atlantic City meeting, held June 7th and 8th, 84 registered. Their new officers are H. T. Critchlow, Chairman; Sheppard T. Powell, Vice-Chairman; Charles H. Becker, Secretary-Treasurer. H. S. R. McCurdy and W. Compton Wills were elected Trustees to succeed Joseph S. Strohmeier and S. N. Van Trump whose terms expired. The other two Trustees remaining in office are Francis E. Daniels and Albert Heard. Upon the invitation of Chairman Van Gilder, Col. Willard T. Chevalier, Publishing Director of Engineering News-Record, New York City, addressed the meeting on the subject of the Water Works Betterments program sponsored by the A. W. W. A., reported on the action of the Association during its convention at Memphis, and explained clearly the several bills under consideration by Congress. A resolution was passed endorsing and seconding the action of the Association at Memphis, and as a means for carrying out its provisions, the Wagner bill before Congress was approved. A telegram was sent to the eight Senators

from the four states comprising the Section, advising of the action taken and requesting their support of the Wagner bill. Editor Abel Wolman presided at the Superintendents' Discussion and Question Box. Secretary Little was on hand and addressed the members, reporting on important happenings at Memphis. The new Atlantic City water supply at Absecon was inspected and also the well fields and pumping plant.

Charles H. Becker, Secretary of the Four States Section, was erroneously omitted from the list of those attending the luncheon of Section Secretaries at the Memphis convention reported in the June News-Bulletin.

President Pracy has appointed Paul Hansen of Pearce, Greeley and Hansen, Consulting Engineers, Chicago, as the third member of the Committee on the John M. Goodell Award for a three-year term. Mr. Hansen takes the place of Norman J. Howard, whose term expired.

A very gratifying letter has been received by President Pracy from Franklin Henshaw, Manager of the Water Department of Scarsdale,

N. Y. A quotation from this letter follows:

"For something over ten years I have been a member of the American Water Works Association and have gotten so much more out of it than I have put in, that I want to square the account a bit. I am, therefore, enclosing my check for \$100.00, payable to your order, to be used for any special need of the Association that you and the Executive Committee think best. I am convinced that you know far better than I possibly can where this money can do the Association the most good, so please take it with no strings attached."

The Board of Directors at its January, 1933 meeting will very likely decide as to how this gift can be used appropriately.

The Memphis Board of Water Commissioners drew up the following resolution upon the death of one of the Association's most honored members:

"WHEREAS, On June 9th, 1932, our General Superintendent, James Sheahan, was called to his eternal rest, and,

"WHEREAS, In his passing the City of Memphis lost an outstanding citizen, the poor and needy a friend, and the Water Department suffered an irreparable loss,

"Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Water Commissioners, City of Memphis, Water Department, extends to Mrs. Sheahan and the members of the family its sincerest sympathy in their great bereavement,

"Be It Further Resolved, That the Board is unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Sheahan's life was outstanding in nobility of character and faithfulness to duty and such a life as may well be emulated by those who expect to leave behind them, as he has done, 'Footprints on the sands of time.'

"Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution shall be signed by each member of the Board of Water Commissioners on the minute book of the Department; and further, that a copy of the same be engrossed on parchment, signed by the several Commissioners, executed by the Secretary, Sanford Morison, and delivered to Mrs. James Sheahan, and further, that a copy of this resolution be formally presented to the Board of Com-

missioners of the City of Memphis, Commissioners F. G. Proutt, W. W. Mallory, J. C. Carey."

Active Member, Edward D. Ruth, Consulting Engineer, Lancaster, Pa., has made a successful fight against the diversion of water funds in Lancaster and states that it will, of course, be fought through the Supreme Court. The Lancaster newspapers of June 4th carried details.

Important Notice to Members

As announced in the June News-Bulletin, excellent filtration plant data will be published very soon in the Journal and reprints will be available for sale at 50 cents per copy. The material is as follows:

1. A tabulation of water filtration plants of forty-eight cities in the United States covering practically all the largest installations. This was prepared by Eugene A. Hardin, Designing Engineer of the Detroit Water Department.

2. Material prepared by a Committee of the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers headed by H. W. Streeter, Sanitary Engineer of the United States Public Health Service, Cincinnati, O. All water treatment plants in this country are listed.

Those desiring to order copies should do so as soon as possible, writing to the Association's headquarters, 29 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y.

News of the Manufacturers

H. W. Clark Company, Mattoon, Ill.: Their new literature describes "Frost-Proof" Clark

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Industrial Chemical Sales Company, Inc., 230 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.: Two important additions have been made to their forces. J. Summie Whitener, Associate Professor of Sanitary Engineering, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., is to join them during the summer in demonstration work in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Professor Whitener will visit all the plants in that territory in the interest of "Aqua Nuchar," showing methods of application, dosages, etc. Also, H. B. Arrant, Professor at Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, is to join them during the summer in demonstration work in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Professor Arrant will visit all the plants in that territory in the interest of "Aqua Nuchar," showing methods of application, dosages, etc.

Edward E. Johnson, Inc., 2304 Long Ave., St. Paul, Minn.: "The Johnson National Drillers' Journal," published by this Company "in the interest of the well drilling and water supply industry," contains up to date news in this field and much valuable well drilling information.

Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company, Elmira, N. Y.: Recent advices are as follows: "A recent development in fire hydrant design, known as the Kennedy Safetop Fire Hydrant, is of special interest to water works superintendents, fire department chiefs, and municipal officials because of the remarkably quick time in which this hydrant can be put back into service after breakage by collision from trucks or automobiles, and the inconsequential cost of repairs. An additional important advantage is that the water pressure need not

be shut off while awaiting or making replacements. The distinguishing feature of the Kennedy Safetop Fire Hydrant is the Safety Breakable Section which is located a few inches above the ground line. Both the standpipe and the stem of the hydrant are in two parts which abut each other at this section. The upper and lower portions of the standpipe are threaded at their abutting ends, and a correspondingly threaded 'breaking ring' holds the two portions in rigid alignment. The upper and lower portions of the stem are similarly held firmly in proper position by a coupling which is secured to each portion by a large pin."

Morris Machine Works, Baldwinsville, N. Y.: A new type of pump for handling sewage and storm water or for general drainage or condenser circulating service, is announced by this Company. A feature of special interest in this pump is the propeller which is of the screw type with vanes somewhat similar to those of a ship's propeller. They state that "this distinctive propeller has two important characteristics which make it ideal for these services. In the first place, the widely spaced open vanes permit passing solids of large size without danger of clogging. In the second place, the design permits delivering large quantities of water at low heads when operating at comparatively high rotative speeds, so that on low head services the pump is better suited for direct motor drive than are standard centrifugal pumps. These pumps are exceptionally efficient. A 42-inch pump, for example, showed an efficiency of more than 85 per cent on plant test when delivering 45,000 g.p.m. against a total head of 22½ feet, operating at 600 r.p.m."

Wallace & Tiernan Company,

Inc., Newark, N. J.: They are sending out a "Handbook of the Ammonia-Chlorine Process as employed in water works practice" to anyone desiring same. There is no obligation. Their new literature covers "Wallace & Tiernan Ammoniators."

Coming Meetings

September 15-16—MINNESOTA SECTION to be held at St. Cloud, Minn. Secretary, R. M. Finch, Wallace & Tiernan Co., Inc., 614 Flour Exchange Bldg, Minneapolis, Minn.

September 22-23—CENTRAL STATES SECTION to be held at Hotel Lawrence, Erie, Pa. Secretary, B. J.

Lechner, Secretary & Treasurer, Commissioners of Water Works, 701 French St., Erie, Pa.

October 25-27—MISSOURI VALLEY SECTION to be held at Sioux City, Ia. Secretary, E. L. Waterman, Prof. of Sanitary Engineering, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.

October 31-November 1-2—NORTH CAROLINA SECTION to be held at Hotel Robert Lee, Winston-Salem, N. C. Secretary, H. G. Baity, Prof. of Sanitary & Municipal Engineering, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

June 12-16, 1933—ANNUAL CONVENTION of the American Water Works Association at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. Secretary, B. C. Little, 29 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y.